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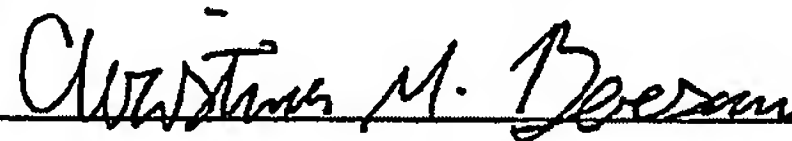
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 18, 2008, please amend the
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Amendments to the Specification are described on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

Appendices A, B and C, including a substitute specification, a marked-up
specification and seven (7) technical articles, respectively, are attached hereto following
page 12 of this paper.